GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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HIRING OF HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pawan Hans Helicopters Limitedhas decided to hire helicopters from other countries for off shore exploration and tourism;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith the name of the countries from which the same are proposed to be hired;

(c) the number of helicopters that company has at present; and;

(d) the places of tourist interest where helicopters services are likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a):- No, Sir.

(b):- Does not arise.

(c):- The fleet of Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) at present consists of the following types of helicopters:-

i)	Dauphin	20
ii)	Mi-172	03
iii)	Bell-407	02
iv)	Bell 206L4	03
v)	Robinson-44	02

(d):- At present, PHHL has been operating regular helicopter services forMata Vaishno Devi. In addition, the helicopters deployed by PHHL in Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya are also being utilised for promotion of travel and tourism.

The proposals of PHHL for connecting various touristplaces such as Kedarnath-Badrinath, Pantnagar-Nainitaletc. are under examination by the Government of Uttaranchal.